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1. KOREA

NYT QUOTES OUTGOING CINCUNC GEN STILWELL AS SAYING WITHDRAWAL US TROOPS FROM ROK AT THIS TIME WOULD BE "COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE." STILWELL STATES THEIR PRESENCE IMPERATIVE FOR "CONTINUING STABILITY ON THIS PENINSULA AND CONTINUING STABILITY IN NORTH ASIA." WSTAR (10/6), CHITRIB AND PHINQ CARRY AP PHOTO OF 2D DIV SOLDIERS MARCHING AT HONOR CEREMONY FOR DEPARTING COMMANDER.

REUTER (SEOUL) REPORTS THURS ARRIVAL OF GEN VESSEY TO SUCCEED STILWELL.

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2. JAPAN

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STRONG EARTHQUAKE SHOOK HONSHU 10/6; NO IMMEDIATE CASUALTY/DAMAGE REPORTS. QUAKE CENTERED IN PACIFIC, 120

MILES NE TOKYO (UPI, NYT).

ACCORDING PARTICIPANTS ON BOTH SIDES JAPAN-US AIR TALKS, OUTLOOK AFTER 3 DAYS MEETINGS IS FOR TOUGH ON/OFF NEGOTS POSSIBLY LASTING YEAR OR MORE. MTGS WILL RECESS FRIDAY, RESUME IN WASHINGTON LATER THIS FALL (MALCOLM, NYT).

TEN-MAN JAPANESE ECON MISSION WILL VISIT CANADA 10/24, HOLD TALKS W/CANADIAN GOVT/ECON LEADERS IN ORDER PROMOTE TRADE/ECON TIES. MISSION INCLUDES NIPPON PRES, MITSUI BOARD CHRMN (REUTER TOKYO).

DEF SOURCES SAY US/JAPANESE EXPERTS NEARLY FINISHED EXAMINING MIG25, NOW DISMANTLING IT IN PREPARATION RETURN USSR. SOVIETS SO FAR FAILED REPLY GOJ ANNOUNCEMENT 10/10 WAS READY RETURN PLANE (REUTER TOKYO 10/6). FINNEY (NYT) ADDS DOD INTELL EXPERTS, AFTER SEVERAL WKS STUDY, CONCLUDED MIG25 HAS LTD MIL MISSION, LAGS BEHIND US AIRCRAFT IN ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY. JET BELIEVED ORIGINALLY DESIGNED INTERCEPT SUPERSONIC B-70 BOMBER, BUT US PLANS FOR B-70 SCRATCHED--THUS MIG BUILT TO MEET NON-EXISTENT THREAT.

EEC STEELMAKERS, VIA LETTER FROM PRES STEEL MAKERS CLUB, COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING PENETRATION BY JAPANESE COMPETITORS IN TRADITIONAL STEEL MARKETS OUTSIDE EEC (AP, CHITRIB).

FRG SHIPYARDS SAY HIGHER STATE SUBSIDIES IMPERATIVE IF GERMAN SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY TO SURVIVE IN COMPETITION W/JAPANESE, WHO HAVE CORNERED 93 PCT ALL NEW SHIP ORDERS PLACED WORLDWIDE. ADD EUR GOVTS MUST USE COUNTER MEASURES AGAINST JAPAN'S REFUSAL ALTER "DESTRUCTIVE PRICE POLICY," ADJUST PRODUCTION GOALS (LUKOMSKI, JOC).

JAPAN TO BEGIN NEGOTS WITH ZAMBIA/ZAIRE/CHILE/PERU/OTHERS FOR COPPER IMPORTS, THOUGH PURCHASES EXPECTED SLOW DOWN UNCLASSIFIED

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DURING COUNTRY'S ECON RECOVERY (KANABAYASHI, WSJ).

FUJI PHOTO FILM CO WILL BEGIN MARKETING NEW "AVAILABLE LIGHT," HIGH-SPEED -OLOR FILM IN US BY YEAR'S END, BEATING KODAK'S SIMILAR PRODUCT TO MARKET (WSJ).

3. INDONESIA

"KUWAITI TIMES" SAID WED INDONESIAN OIL MINISTER SADLI SENT LETTER KUWAITI OIL MIN SUGGESTING OPEC HOLD EXTRAORDINARY MEETING IN KUWAIT TO CHECK PRICE-CUTTING TRENDS IN MARKET. SAUDI ARABIA, UAE, VENEZUELA HAVE EXPRESSED APPROVAL (JOC).

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4. CHINA

WH SPOKESMAN WEDNESDAY SAID PRES HAD INSTRUCTED NSC PREPARE REPORT ON PRC NUKE TEST FALLOUT OVER US, FORWARD TO HIM IN SFO. EARLIER, DOS SAID US WILL RE-EMPHASIZE TO PEKING STRONG OPPOSITION TO ATMOSPHERIC NUKE TESTING (WSJ; UPI, NYT). RADIOACTIVE FALLOUT FROM PRC TEST APPEARED TAPERING OFF WEDNESDAY IN EASTERN US; TUES RADIOACTIVE IODINE MILK CONTENT, HIGH AS 439 PICOCURIES, DROPPED TO 21-80 PICOCURIES (CHITRIB); HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY LEVELS WELL BELOW THOSE CONSIDERED CAUSE FOR CONCERN (NYT'S SULLIVAN); POSE NO SIGNIFICANT RISK TO PUBLIC HEALTH/ SAFETY AT LOW LEVELS REPORTED THUS FAR (RUSSELL, WSTAR 10/6).

REUTER (10/6) REPORTS PRC HAS DECLINED INVITATION TO ATTEND NEXT WEEK'S WASHINGTON MEETING OF INTL COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC UNIONS, APPARENTLY BECAUSE ROC IS MEMBER OF GROUP STAGING CONFERENCE.

NCNA REPORTS ALL BUT ONE OF SEVEN MINES IN COUNTRY'S LARGEST COAL-MINING COMPLEX HAVE RESUMED OPERATION AFTER BEING DAMAGED BY JULY EARTHQUAKE (WP).

PRC TELLS CANADA PURCHASES OF WHEAT WILL CONTINUE AFTER CURRENT EXPORT AGREEMENT EXPIRES AT END THIS YEAR (WP).

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5. THAILAND

PAPERS GIVE PROMINENT COVERAGE THAI MIL COUP, INCL CHITRIB BANNER HEADLINE; MANY FEATURE OFTEN-GORY AP/UPI PIX OF RIOTS, POLICE-STUDENT CONFRONTATION, INCL FRONT-PG FOTOS IN WSTAR (10/6), NYT; NYDN, PHINQ, SUN, CHITRIB, AND NYDN CENTER-FOLD SPREAD ESPECIALLY BLOODY PIX.

ADM SANGAD CHALAWYU, ANTI-COMMUNIST FORMER MIL CHIEF, SEIZED POWER WEDNESDAY AFTER CAMPUS RIOTS, ABOLISHED DEMOCRATIC CONSTITUTION, BANNED POL GATHERINGS, DISSOLVED PARLIAMENT, CLOSED NEWSPAPERS. NEW RULERS SAY WON'T CHANGE FOPOLICY. MIL GOVT FACES PROBLEMS OF HI CRIME RATE, COMMUNIST INSURGENCY, DIFFICULT RELS W/COMMUNIST NEIGHBORS, DEEP URBAN-RURAL DIVISION IN WEALTH/VIEWPOINT (WSJ). CHALAWYU KNOWN FOR TOUGH STANCE AGAINST COMMUNISM. POLICE SAY RIOTS KILLED 22; UNCONFIRMED REPORTS PUT DEATHS AT 35. NOT KNOWN WHETHER ANY CONNECTION BETWEEN EX-DICTATOR KITTAKACHORN AND COUP. BY NIGHT, BANGKOK CALM WITH NO OVERT OPPOSITION TO TAKEOVER. OVER 1300 STUDENTS ARRESTED (AP CHITRIB, SUN).

WP'S SIMONS (ALSO IN PHINQ) REPORTS MIL SEIZURE POWER AFTER

POLICE/RIGHTIST MOBS CRUSHED LEFTIST STUDENT PROTEST. ADDS SENI IN "PROTECTIVE CUSTODY," ALL POL PARTIES BANNED, ANTI-COMMUNIST LAW REIMPOSED, CAPITAL UNDER CURFEW. DESCRIBES FIGHTING. QUOTES ADM SANGAD THAT TAKEOVER NECESSARY BECAUSE STUDENTS INSULTED ROYAL FAMILY, RESISTED ARREST WITH HEAVY WEAPONS AND COOPERATION "VIETNAMESE COMMUNIST TERRORISTS." SIMONS SEES REFERENCE TO VIETS AS EARLY SUGGESTION THAI RELS W/VN, CAMBODIA, LAOS LIKELY DETERIORATE UNDER MIL GOVT. BELIEVES WILL NEVER BECOME CLEAR WHAT INDIVIDUALS/FORCES BEHIND THANOM'S RETURN THAT SPARKED STUDENT DEMONSTRATIONS. QUOTES AP REPORT THAT SANGAD, THANOM ON POOR TERMS; UPI REPORT THAT PRAPASS SAYS WILL RETURN FROM TAIWAN EXILE.

ANDELMAN (NYT) DESCRIBES BLOODY BATTLES. QUOTES MIL SOURCES THAT SENIOR MIL MEMBERS INVOLVED IN LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS AT THAI MIL HQ FOR SOME DAYS BEFORE COUP ANNOUNCED. UNCLASSIFIED

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NOTES TANKS MOVED ONTO PALACE GROUNDS, BUT KING REMAINED SILENT.

NYT TAKES BRIEF LOOK AT THAILAND, SUMMARIZES FACTS ABOUT POPULATION, GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMY, LEADERS, MIL SERVICES, HISTORY.

6. INDOCHINA

SECSTATE REJECTS GAO REPORT ON HANDLING MAYAGUEZ INCIDENT, SAYS BASED ON MISLEADING INFO, MISUNDERSTANDING OF GOVT (UPI, NYT). GAO STATES DID NOT RELEASE REPORT TO COINCIDE WITH FORD-CARTER DEBATE (UPI NYT, WP). MAYAGUEZ SKIPPER SAYS W/O MIL FORCE EMPLOYED BY US, HE AND CREW WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN RELEASED. CAPT SPOKE AT PRESS CONF CALLED BY WH HRS BEFORE FORD/CARTER DEBATE TO COUNTER GAO REPORT (BECKMAN, CHITRIB). NYT CARRIES PIC CAPT MILLER W/NEWS-PAPER HEADLINING GAO REPORT CRITICAL OF PRES.

NYT'S BUTTERFIELD REPORTS EFFORT BY INTL AIR LINES TO RESUME FLIGHTS OVER INDOCHINA HELD UP BY VN DEMAND FOR LARGE OVERFLIGHT FEES. NOTES PLAN PUT OFF INDEFINITELY BY THAI INTL REFUSAL PAY 8-900 DOL FEE; THAILAND CAN BLOCK OTHER LINES FROM OVERFLIGHT, SINCE CONTROLS ADJACENT AIRSPACE.

7. INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

GLOBE'S KING (10/6) DOES BACKGROUNDER ON HOLT INTL CHILDREN'S SERVICES THAT PLACED 644 VIET CHILDREN. NOTES CONTROVERSY THAT SURROUNDS ADOPTION SOME VIET CHILDREN

HAS NOT AFFECTED ORGANIZATION, SINCE MAKES SURE ALL LEGAL

REQUIREMENTS MET.

8. AUSTRALIA/NEW ZEALAND

PRES FORD EXPECTED IMPOSE QUOTAS ON BEEF IMPORTS FROM AUSTRALIA, NZ, OTHER COUNTRIES BECAUSE SHIPMENTS THREATEN CEILING UNDER VOLUNTARY RESTRAINT (REUTER WASHINGTON).

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UNUSED AIRLINER OWNED BY HOWARD HUGHES BOUGHT BY MT COOK AIRLINES, NZ DOMESTIC CARRIER (REUTER, WP).

9. ASEAN

SIXTH MTG SENIOR TRADE OFFICIALS END 2-DAY SESSION AT KL, AGREE MEMBER NATIONS WILL PRESS FOR BETTER TERMS OF TRADE FOR TROPICAL PRODUCTS WITH DEVELOPED NATIONS (AP, SUN).

10. SECOND FORD/CARTER DEBATE

NYT HAS TRANSCRIPT. DEBATE EXTENSIVELY COVERED BY OTHER PAPERS. NYDN FRONT-PAGE BANNERS: "FORD HITS BACK ON MAYAGUEZ."

IN EA ASPECTS OF WEDNESDAY NIGHT ENCOUNTER, PRES AND/OR DEM CANDIDATE TOUCHED ON US RELS WITH VN, PRC/ROC, JAPAN, KOREA AND MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR.

FORD SAID OUR RELS WITH PEKING BASED UPON SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, DURING NEXT FOUR YEARS US WILL CONTINUE MOVE FOR NORMALIZATION IN TRADITIONAL SENSE AND WE WILL INSIST PEKING/TAIPEI DISPUTE BE SETTLED PEACEFULLY; FORD ADMIN WILL NOT LET DOWN, ELIMINATE OR FORGET OBLIGATION TO PEOPLE OF TAIWAN; SAID THERE IS NO US POLICY TO GIVE/SELL MIL EQUIPMENT TO PRC OR ANY OTHER COMMUNIST GOVT. INSISTED US RELS WITH JAPAN "HAVE NEVER BEEN BETTER." RECALLED HE WAS FIRST US PRES VISIT JAPAN, THAT EMPEROR CAME HERE LAST YEAR AND NET RESULT IS THAT US/JAPAN "WORKING MORE CLOSELY TOGETHER NOW THAN AT ANY TIME" IN HISTORY OF OUR RELS. CAUTIONED THAT IN MOVING TO ONE AREA OF WORLD FROM ANOTHER, US "MUST NOT SPREAD ITSELF TOO THINLY" -- WHICH WAS ONE OF PROBLEMS HELPING CREATE CIRCUMSTANCES IN VN. CITED SK AS EXAMPLE OF US STAND ON MORALITY ISSUE. SAID HE HAS PERSONALLY TOLD PARK THAT US DOES NOT CONDONE "KIND OF REPRESSIVE MEASURES" TAKEN THERE. BUT SAID, IN ALL FAIRNESS, WE MUST RECOGNIZE PROBLEM SK HAS -- NK TROOPS ON NORTH, SUPPORTED BY PRC/SOVIET; SO, SK FACES "VERY DELICATE SITUATION." RECALLED US HAS RECOMMENDED CONFERENCE AMONG OURSELVES, BOTH KOREAS AND PRC TO RESOLVE

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PENINSULA PROBLEM, AND OPPORTUNITIES/POSSIBILITIES
GETTING BETTER THAT WE WILL HAVE SOLVED MANY OF SK INTERNAL/
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AT PRESENT TIME. VOICED DISAPPOINTMENT
AT FACT GAO RELEASED MAYAGUEZ REPORT, SINCE IT INTERJECTED
POLITICAL/PARTISAN POLITICS. CITED CALL WEDNESDAY MORNING
FROM SHIP'S SKIPPER, FURIOUS OVER GAO REPORT.

CARTER RECALLED HE'D TRAVELED IN JAPAN; SAID HE'S SEEN
AMONG AMERICANS "DEEP HURT" FOLLOWING VN CAMBODIA, CHILE,
PAKISTAN. DECLARED IN FAR EAST WE NEED CONTINUE BEING
STRONG. SAID HE WOULD PURSUE NORMALIZATION WITH PRC, FELT
GREAT OPPORTUNITY OPENED IN 1972 HAS "PRETTY WELL BEEN
FRITTERED AWAY"; VOWED NEVER LET FRIENDSHIP WITH PRC STAND
IN WAY OF PRESERVATION INDEPENDENCE/FREEDOM TAIWAN PEOPLE.
SAID HE WOULD STOP CONDUCTING FOREIGN POLICY DECISION-
MAKING IN SECRET -- CHARGED IN MANY INSTANCES WE'VE MADE
AGREEMENTS, LIKE IN VN, THAT HAVE BEEN REVEALED LATER TO
OUR EMBARRASSMENT. NOTED 1972 US GRAIN DEAL WITH SOVIET
WAS "TERRIBLE," AND THAT PRES MADE UP FOR IT WITH THREE
EMBARGOES, "ONE AGAINST OUR OWN ALLY IN JAPAN." SAID OUR
ALLIES FEEL WE'VE NEGLECTED THEM, THAT "SO-CALLED NIXON
SHOCK AGAINST JAPAN HAS WEAKENED OUR RELATIONSHIPS THERE."
WAS RELUCTANT COMMENT ON GAO MAYAGUEZ REPORT SINCE HE
HADN'T READ IT; BUT UNDERSTOOD REPORT ACCURATE, AND
REGRETTED PRES HADN'T GIVEN PEOPLE FACTS 18 MONTHS AGO.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. THAILAND

CSM'S GODSELL SEES THAI 2-YR EXPERIMENT W/DBMOCRACY COMING
TO END. ATTRIBUTES MIL COUP TO UNCERTAINTIES, DOUBTS,
VIOLENCE THAT ACCOMPANIED EXPERIMENT; BUT SAYS REMAINS BE
SEEN IF CLOCK CAN BE PUT BACK TO HARD-LINE RT-WING MIL
REGIME. RECALLS IN ELECTION THAIS VOTED AGAINST RIGHT/LEFT
EXTREMES; WHERE GOVT WILL HEAD NOW DEPENDS ON KIND MIL
MEN IN ADMIN REFORM CMTE. REVIEWS EVENTS OF PAST 3 YEARS
DURING WHICH THAIS ADJUSTED TO US MIL WITHDRAWAL/COLLAPSE
SAIGON, FELT THREATENED BY VN. SAYS BEST INFO FROM
WASHINGTON IS THAT US HAS WASHED HANDS OF THAILAND MILITARY
AND HAS NEITHER INTENTION/DESIRE RETURN.
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12. THAILAND/BURMA

KRAMER (WSJ) REVIEWS IMPORTANCE GOLDEN TRIANGLE IN INTL
HEROIN TRADE, DESCRIBES BATTLES IN BURMA AGAINST PROCESSING
LABS BY GUB. SEES INDICATIONS PRODUCTION IN AREA GROWING
DESPITE CONTROL EFFORTS. REPORTS LABS USUALLY FINANCED BY

CRIMINAL CHINESE FROM HK/BANGKOK. NOTES ROLE OPIUM IN

SUPPORTING GUERRILLA MOVEMENTS IN BURMA/THAILAND. MENTIONS ROUTE OUT FOR DRUGS, USUALLY THRU CHIANG MAI TO BANGKOK, THEN TO US/EUR BY AIR. STATES EFFORTS STOP DRUGS AT SOURCE BY RTG/GUB NOT TOO SUCCESSFUL TO DATE, DUE PARTLY RELUCTANCE THAIS DESTROY TRIBESMEN'S POPPY CROPS, CORRUPTION; BUT SAYS NEW COOPERATION DEVELOPING DUE EFFORTS DEA, RISING DRUG PROBLEM IN BURMA/THAILAND.

13. CHITRIB COMMENTS ON GAO'S "20/20 HINDSIGHT" IN MAYAGUEZ AFFAIR REPORT. POINTS OUT OFFICE NOT EXPERT IN MIL/DIPL MATTERS, WITH TIMING REPORT RELEASE SMACKING "OMINOUSLY" OF POL INTERFERENCE IN CAMPAIGN. DECLARES MIL CRISIS DEMANDS IMMEDIATE DECISION/QUICK ACTION, AND NO TIME CALL IN MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS OR WAIT 17 MOS FOR GAO OPINION. CHITRIB IS SATISFIED ADMIN DID WHAT IT THOUGHT BEST AT MOMENT.

NYDN WONDERS WHY ONLY NOW HEARING GAO CRITIQUE? SEES SHABBY POLITICAL OVERTONE IN TIMING OF RELEASE. OPINES REPORT ONLY PROVES TEAM 2ND-GUESSERS, GIVEN UNLIMITED TIME W/O PRESSURE AND WITH ALL FACTS, CAN PICK FLAWS IN DECISION OTHERS HAD MAKE IN MINUTES AMID CONFUSED/CHANGING SITUATION.

HERBLOCK (WP) DEPICTS PRES/SECSTATE OUTSIDE THEATER SHOWING "THE MAYAGUEZ TRIUMPH," SAYING: "IT'S NOT PLAYING THE WAY IT DID LAST YEAR."

14. PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN/ASEAN

MCARTHUR (LAT 10/5) NOTES CAMPAIGN TAKING PLACE W/O MENTION VN/SEA. QUOTES SINGAPORE OFFICIAL THAT US THINKS UNCLASSIFIED

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"WE HAVE GONE AWAY, BUT WE HAVEN'T" OBSERVES DISAPPEARANCE SEA FROM US CAMPAIGN POLITICS RECIPROCATED BY WIDESPREAD LACK INTEREST IN ELECTION IN AREA. POINTS TO LOW PROFILES MAINTAINED BY US AMBS IN ASEAN NATIONS; TAPES OF 1ST FORD-CARTER DEBATE "SOMETHING OF MINOR EMBARRASSMENT" TO USIS. SEES OTHER REASON AS LACK FORMULATION POST-VN ISSUES ON ALL SIDES.

JAPAN

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ROWAN (WP, PHINQ) SAYS THERE EXISTS INTENSE ANTI-JAPANESE FEELING THROUGHOUT SEA, DUE WHAT IS LABELED "ECONOMIC INVASION" AND UNIQUE "FAMILY" CHARACTER WHICH IS BARRIER TO COMMUNICATION/INTERMINGLING WITH OTHER PEOPLES. ROWAN FINDS SENSITIVE INDIVIDUALS AT ALL LEVELS IN JAPAN WHO ARE HURT/NERVOUS OVER CHARGE IN HK, INDONESIA, ELSEWHERE,

THAT JAPANESE ARE "ECONOMIC ANIMALS" WHO HAVE GOTTEN

RICH BY EXPLOITING FELLOW ASIANS. IN RECENT CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT STUDY, FIL SCHOLAR MANGLAPUS STATES IN ORDER AVOID "COLLISION COURSE" IN SEA, JAPAN MUST DO MORE FOR SE ASIAN COUNTRIES, WHO NOW FEEL THEY ARE FINANCING TOKYO'S URBAN ELITE AT COST OF PERPETUATING RURAL POVERTY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRIES--AN "UNHEALTHY AND POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE SITUATION."

16. PHILIPPINES

NYT REVIEWS MARCOS' SCHEME FORCIBLY EVICT OVER 400 FAMILIES FROM TONDO SLUM AREA. NOTES EVICTIONS CAUSING GROWING EMBARRASSMENT FOR WB, WHOSE "GOOD INTENTIONS AND EXCELLENT PRINCIPLES" RUN AFOUL IN FACE OF GOVTS WITH "PARTICULAR CONCEPTS AND DIVERGENT, SHORT-TERM GOALS." FEW TONDO RESIDENTS INTERVIEWED, DESCRIBE EVICTION PROCESS. SEVERAL LETTERS SENT MCNAMARA URGING WB'S 32 MILLION DOL LOAN TO PHILS BE STOPPED; WB'S EA PROGRAM DIRECTOR SAYS TONDO PROJECT CALLS FOR MINIMAL RELOCATION/DISLOCATION AS PART "DEVELOPMENT IN PLACE" STRATEGY. ADDS PROJECT CONTRACT AGREED TO BY BOTH WB, GOP.
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17. CHINA

CITING FALLOUT OVER US FROM CHINESE 9/26 NUKE TEST, CSM SUGGESTS WOULD BE REAL BREAKTHROUGH IF PEKING COULD BE PERSUADED JOIN IN EFFORTS CONTROL NUKE ARMS RACE. CONCEDES THIS DIM POSSIBILITY NOW, CHINESE NOT LIKELY HALT THEIR RELATIVELY YOUNG TESTING PROGRAM UNTIL FEEL CONFIDENT NUKE MIGHT, ESPECIALLY VIS-A-VIS SOVIET. SAYS BLAST UNDERSCORES IMPORTANCE FOR US NORMALIZING WITH PRC; CRUCIAL THAT NEW ADMIN BEGIN MOVING TO BUDGE RELS OFF DEAD CENTER. SEES INDICATIONS CHINESE PREPARED FOR THIS, BUT TAIWAN REMAINS SNAG. VOICES CONCERN OVER SUGGESTION COMING FROM ACADEMIC CIRCLES THAT US CONSIDER SELLING PEKING ARMS. ARGUES SUCH POLICY WOULD NOT BE WISE; INTERESTS OF PEACE BEST SERVED BY DOING ALL POSSIBLE DAMP DOWN SINO-SOVIET DISPUTE, KEEPING IT UNDER CONTROL.

ANDERSON/WHITTEN SAY NIXON HAS CONFIDED TO AT LEAST TWO CLOSE FRIENDS CONCERN THAT FORD MAY JEOPARDIZE FORMER PRES' CHINA ACCOMPLISHMENTS. SAYS, IN NIXON'S VIEW, FORD NEGLECTING PEKING, FAVORING SOVIET. NIXON BELIEVES THIS COULD BE HISTORIC MISTAKE, THINKS US SHOULD TILT TOWARD PRC. ROBINSON

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